

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Education****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/17/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 03/12, 04/17**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Gelser, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 3 - Baertschiger Jr, Beyer, Hass

Prepared By: Gretchen Engbring, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires State Board of Education (SBE) adopt rules under which school personnel may administer medications that treat adrenal insufficiency to students experiencing adrenal crises. Requires rules include guidelines on designation and training of school personnel responsible for administering medication. Specifies school district is only required to train school personnel when school district has been notified by parent or guardian that student enrolled in school of school district has been diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency. Requires training be supervised by physician or nurse practitioner. Specifies what training must include. Authorizes trained personnel to administer treatment with permission from parent or guardian if licensed health care professional is not immediately available. Defines terms. Becomes operative January 1, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of students affected by adrenal insufficiency
- Life-threatening nature of risk to student experiencing adrenal crisis
- Treatment options for student suffering adrenal crisis
- Medical implications associated with under or over medicating student experiencing adrenal crisis
- Nature of training required for school personnel to administer treatment to student experiencing adrenal crisis
- Need for available personnel at each school, athletic event, or field trip to assist student experiencing adrenal crisis
- Capacity and comfort level of school personnel administering treatment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Requires SBE adopt rules that include guidelines on designation and training of school personnel responsible for administering medication. Specifies that school district is only required to train school personnel when school district has been notified by parent or guardian that student enrolled in school of school district has been diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency.

BACKGROUND:

Adrenal insufficiency is a hormonal disorder characterized by the failure of the adrenal glands to produce adequate amounts of steroid hormones, including cortisol. Adrenal insufficiency may lead to an adrenal crisis – a sudden, severe worsening of symptoms including pain in the lower back, abdomen or legs, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, low blood pressure, and loss of consciousness. An adrenal crisis may be life threatening, but can be treated with injectable hydrocortisone and fluid support.

Senate Bill 875 requires the SBE to adopt rules under which school personnel may administer medications that treat adrenal insufficiency to a student experiencing an adrenal crisis and stipulates acceptable training and circumstances under which trained personnel may administer treatment.